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My name is Yaw Kordieh. I feel that Microsoft's decision of gaining monopoly power by preventing other software companies from distributing their software worldwide was wrong. Microsoft has always been successful promoting their software because most computers are pre-installed with their software, Windows when consumers first buy it. There hasn't been any competition from any other software as well. So the Microsoft software, Windows has been well known to people. I agree with the idea of a remedy because it won't allow Microsoft to gain monopoly power illegally and any other practices in the future. It also gives other software companies a chance to expand their software to other places in the world, which also creates competitiveness among the softwares. With the arrival of Netscape and Java, Microsoft felt that they both created a threat to their company because they had special applications that allowed them to run on most programs. Microsoft's decision of creating the Internet browser, Internet Explorer was a good idea because it gave people the chance to decide which Internet browser they wanted, instead of just accepting what they already had on their computer. So the actions that Microsoft took was unfair to other companies and to the consumers. I feel that if there were other companies that made software, then consumers can choose which program they would like to use.